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The main purpose of my going there is

family matters and particularly to find a woman healthy enough, clever enough to take care of my sons, and this main subject I am going to arrange in Moscow. Of course, I will meet Mr. GROMYKO, Mr. KUZNETSOV, and the Foreign Minister to send them their onal on written

Minister to send them their oral or written messages from U-THANT, Today, I had lunch with the Secretary-General, and he promised me just on the eve of my departure to give me some ideas to send to them, in

words or among other people. Besides that,

I am going to visit some other officials in
the Foreign Ministry to whom I am officially
attached in order to maintain the official contacts

and just occasionally I will visit the Central Office and listen to their answers to their questions. I will give the answers to those questions, but I do not expect that this talk.

or talks will be very many or very long. They will be very short, rather instructive, some kind of briefings, because I will tell them from

the first minute of my being in their office

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TOM:

But, he would be the one in the Center who (S) would be responsible for GRAY?

JOHN JO

only one who is controlling all this line

(5) (TOM:

If I can interrupt just once more, along the same line. Can you tell me anything you know or you may have heard of the relationship between

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(S) JOHN:

the KGB in Moscow and LEE HARVEY OSWALD (W)

just coincidence that he was in the Soviet Union and we treat him as a crazy boy. Psychologically

abnormal and it was mistake that we permitted the entrance for him to the Soviet Union.

We considered that we made a very serious fault (w)

ري <sub>TOM</sub>• آ

very strange and unusual for the Second

Directorate or the Second Department not to have some relationship with this man. (2)

S JOHN:

I tell you that I don't know the whole story because I have no, I was not involved in their activities any time before, but there are, you know, there was a very wide response, there was very wide response from which I can understand there was nothing with him. Of course, (1)

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who is entering the Soviet Union, to study
him, to find the possibilities to approach
him, to arrange something with him, but as
far as this case concerns, there was nothing
of the kind, because he showed craziness from the
first step of being in the Soviet Union and
with such kind of unreliable people we are not
dealing and are trying to choose the most
Capable people, clever and cold-headed, soft-hearted,
like this, you know. Generally, normal people,
but he was something beatnik - Beatle style

TOM: (5)

The reason I brought this up is, as I told you, our contact with you is being very closely held. Very people know about it.

Obviously one of the people who knows about is Mr. HELMS. You know who Mr. HELMS is?

Yes. (\$\frac{1}{2})(\frac{1}{2})

(S) JOHN:
TOM:

Mr. HELMS personally asked that I askyyou about this because he says he has had some disturbing news and it was for this reason he wanted me to find out from you just what exactly was the relationship between the KGB and LEE HARVEY OSWALD.(W)

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JOHN: (S)

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I must tell you that I don't know anything reliable to add. Probably there was some approaches, some steps to study him, but it is not known to me, but at the same time, I must mention that we respected very hig and in our mind he was the first after ROOSEVELT. he was the first President with whom we could deal because he was, he had a scientific approach to any international issue and we saw the prospects of cooperation with him and we had very far-ranging calculations to deal with him so we consider him that one of the most promising man through whom we can arrange our relations with America. We were very interested in him so from judging even from this point of view, this is absolute nonsense to involve such people in this affair. In our consideration, I must tell you very, very frankly and it is from the highest strata of our service that Mr. KENNEDY in our analysis, in our conclusions, it is mentioned was killed by representatives of a group of monopolists connected with the South and East of the United States, who hurted, I mean KENNEDY hurted their interests, tried to limit their acitivities (v)

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was done. It was very pleasing to us, because we don't like the statesmen who are very often changing their minds, their statements, and so on and so forth. And this kind of President was very, very important for the Soviet Union. It was - at that time I was in Moscow and I saw the faces of people - I saw the people in the streets who cried, the tears on their faces, and the mournful music by radio. This is is a very rare chance when such a thing are being done, in connection with the event of some other country. This is a unique chance, so even from this you can see the depth of our feelings in this respect was a second of the country.

(TOM:)(S)

In your recollection, since you were in Moscow at that time and I know what a reaction this must have had there, was there any talk, any gossip at all about KGB involvement with OSWALD and particularly the 13th Department().

JOHN:

No, no, no. And I must tell you that we spend about six or eight months or probably a year to study the root, the roots of this plot against KENNEDY and we used all the possibilities in this country and in other countries - all the

in this country and in other countries - all the possible ways to find out what is behind this Plot - what was behind this assassination,

because for us it was a very strange puzzle -

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What is it - and after having some reliable information from here, from other countries, we collected and made the final conclusion, and it was told by Mr. KULEBYAKIN who had the assessment of all these studies and research about the reasons of killing him and (TOM interrupts)

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This gentleman was in charge of this in Moscow?

He was connected with the Information Service in particular with Mr. SITNIKOV (Ph) who collected all the information concerning the assassination of President KENNEDY and there was a group of information officers who carefully gathered the information about this assassination and studied.

JACK:

You mentioned, pardon me, that after receiving reliable information in this country and other countries you were able to form this conclusion. From whom would you get reliable information here as to that plot(w)

(S) John:

I get only the results from Mr. KULEBYAKIN S

and it was repeated after that by Mr. SITNIKOV (Ph)

in the forest in Krasnoyarsk (Ph). Only the

results, but I'm, I was, at that time, in the

school, 101 school, you must know it, for one

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where the information came, from whom it was received, and by what ways through what intermediates, but I must tell you that all the agents in the world were mobilized, the most reliable agents in the world were mobilized to study this carefully, besides other possible official contacts also were involved to get even far traces from far ---- and everything was gathered and studied very carefully, and only after that we came to that final conclusion about which I told you. So the sources I don't know - I cannot mention specifically.

TOM: \( \)

You can understand also that I wouldn't RICHARD know the reason for Mr. HELMS' comment or the sources behind this. All I know is that he did say that he had had some disturbing news. (JOHN ) interrupts)

JOHN:

I must repeat that I do not exclude that approaches to study OSWALD were made by KGB, but as far as all the approaches are being made to any American, to any foreigner, coming to the Soviet Union ---- I do not exclude it, but was far as I know, he was not contracted and as far as I know he was treated during all his ()

crazy man, and we were very glad when he left the country. We were very glad when he left the country. Also, that it was a pity that another crazy girl went with him to the United States,

I mean MARINA. MARINA was also a type of LEE HARVEY OSWALD(W)

JACK:

There was no sadness at letting her go then (12)

But, for us, you know all such things are not very pleasant. We don't mind if there is a little love -- a serious woman is going to abroad and in many cases we are using this possibility to arrange something, but MARINA was not of this kind, not of this type of girls-women(2)

(JACK:)

You mentioned your high regard for President KENNEDY. Has any of this high regard transferred to President JOHNSON?

(S)

This is a very delicate question, and if you want, I can tell you frankly(\(\mu\))

JACK:

Yes, frankly, what you feel about him and what is generally felt among your associates (14)

JOHN:

So, about Mr. JOHNSON. We consider him as a very ambitious man who wants to be the greatest, or one of the greatest Presidents in the history of America, that he is very ambitious and by character very "Texan". It is impossible to say it like this?(2)

JACK: JOHN:

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Very what? (V-)

A man of Texas, and we see many - ves. a Whid we see many features in his policy just of this kind. For us, it is a very. big pity that he refused to consider the conclusions of the people who were taken into consideration by Mr. KENNEDY. I mean the scientists in the field of world politics, in the field of home politics, and in the field of general planning of the policy. We feel a very great pity that in many cases he is trying to rely upon himself, just ignoring the conclusions of experts from the scientific circles of different fields. But, at the same time, taking into consideration all this particularities about him, we were trying to approach him and to deal with him, and, in our opinion, the main obstacle in dealing with him is the mistake that he has done with Vietnam. In our opinion, Vietnam is his greatest mistake, that Vietnam will bring nothing to America and America is losing everything in Vietnam, not only in the military personnel, not only financially, not only in ammunition, but mainly in her political (U

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in other countries of Asia, in Europe, partly
in Africa, partly in Latin America, and generally,
by this involvement the United States brought
a number of blame-blamings in the United Nations,
in other international forums and so on and
so forth. But last time I mentioned some
ideas in this connection(V)

JACK:

Now, I think that we should continue on for the rest of your time here - you mentioned GRAY (S) as one (JOHN interrupts)

Yes - next one is GRETA. Her code name is

GRETA. Her real name is NARKULYAINI. You will

FRETA (KGB CODENAME OF FAU NARKULYAINI) (PSSIBLY SALOMETA MARKELINA

read it later, here. She is here in New York.

NO NARKULYANI (KGB CIN 'GRETA") (POSSIBLY SHOWETA MARKELINAMITE, AM)

She was also contracted in the Soviet Union.

She was also contracted in the Soviet Union.

She visited the Soviet Union many times. She

is working somewhere in the newspaper - in the

newspaper. Possibly what one I do not know. (S)

Her case officer is -(S)

I'm going to tell this. Previously she had a connection- the contacts with GRISHA. I have forgotten his - GRISHA is a code name, but it is very easy to find him. He was the only one from Lithuania, Baltic Republic. He was an

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The main thing that I should like to ask you now is about the limitation of the people who can have access to the matters concerning our cooperation So this is very essential for me at this time because there are two considerations: (5)

First of all, at the end of 1963 - at the beginning of 1964, there was a case officer here in New York. His name was BOGOSLAVSKI, ALEXANDR BOGOSLAVSKI (obviously referring to VADIM/BOGOSLAVSKI and his code name was "ROSTOV" (KGB CW , something near to

your WALTER ROSTOW - so he CODE NAME OF FEMALE FB FBI who told him about the details of the arrest of the group of Mr./PAVLOV - she gave him the smallest details of that story and that contact was not developed later because, as I mentioned we were prohibited to do the actual work in New York, so I am mentioning this detail now in connection that if some technical employee, I mean typists and filling people who can possibly have access to my case in conversation among the friends in the family or among even their colleagues in the office

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I am very much concerned about all the possible

and give unnecessary details about my case -

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JOHN: (S)

with the highest chief of this agency. For the workin purposes I think it would be better if I deal with you personally as we started. I feel, for me it is very easy to deal with you, you understand me better than Mr. JACK (laugh). And I must - we have doubts and we shouldn't have any diplomacy in fact it give me very big satisfaction to speak to you and to see you always and I like such kind of people. This is my personal feeling and there is nothing (TOM interrupts)

(S)

I will relay again your wishes to Mr. HEIMS and I don't know, the situation may change sometime in the future but for the immediate present he said it would impossible.

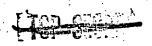
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I'm not in hurry and there is no - not urgency in that and I am not interest in seeing his senior deputies or assistants but sometime I should like to see him, himself and just for a short time. If it would be necessary from the point of view of the work to see somebody of his agency, I'm ready to meet anybody.

(TOM: )

Alright. Now the next thing Mr. HEIMS has asked me to take up with you - relates as following. He had read the private report that I sent to him (4)





Released under the John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act of 1992 (44 USC 2107 DATE: 11-14-2017 concerning your statements, what you had to say about the relationship between the KGB and . SECRET LEE HARVEY OSWALD. Now Mr. HELMS pointed out that the things that you said were exactly the same - story, the same line that Mr. KHRUSHCHEV himself had given to DREW PEARSON, you know DREW PEARSON, the correspondent? () Uh-huh (w) And that was much carlier, long before the time that you referred the 6 or 8 months the ALEKSANDR SITNIKOV\$ (ph) (and his group) were working on collecting all of this information. Uh-huh(U) So, Mr. HELMS said that he has very good and firm reasons to know that this line, the one about the southern military industrialists being responsible for the assassination of President JOAN [ KENNEDY, he has firm reasons to know that this is not the truth JOHN: Uh-huh () That this was and that it is some kind of TOM: a cover-up (W) Uh-huh (w) TOM: And he said that he wants me to express to you

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his desire that the most important thing for you

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cont'd) to do when you are back in morlow is to find (cont'd) out everything possible, in the greatest detail possible, of the real story of the KGB's relationship

with LEE HARVEY OSWALD. OK.

(JOHN: ](S)

that story - so it is first unknown from me now and probably will be unknown from me for a considerable long period, until I occupy some high post in KGB or if or when I meet some people who had some relation to that matter.

TOM: (S)

(What about SITNIKOY?)

that matter because if KGB was involved it was a very secret and a very limited group which generally judging could be involved in that matter. And everything that I told you about that matter, LEE OSWALD, LEE HARVEY OSWALD, that was my general opinion, not based on some facts known from KGB, this is from my general feelings and the feelings of the people whom I met from different places at that time, KGB including and so on and so forth.

I never met a Soviet man who was very glad that President KENNEDY was assassinated. I have never met such a single man in USSR regretting (TOM) interrupts)

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TOM: ](S)

Let me clarify something, what we're saying here is not necessarily that the KGB was responsible for the assassination of President KENNEDY, but that there was some kind of a relationship between the KGB and DSWALD (2)

JOHN: S

I mentioned last time - previously that not exclude generally such kind of relationship because as I illustrated, with many examples, we are not missing even a single chance to get - to establish the relations with the foreigners and that was including visiting the Soviet Union and to try to arrange some relations with them useful for the Soviet Union. We never missed and we are never missing that chances, not only in the Soviet Union but in other countries I also mentioned it before. So, generally speaking, I do not exclude that some kind of relations took place. I had never an access to that files, to that correspondence or to that documents - never. And I have never met people who had the access to that papers as well.

So, now it is very difficult for me to say all these responsible answers for this very comple matter because I have no grounds for the citing some document, some paper and give the factual side (w

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later I'll be in position to find out something additional and immediately I'll inform you don't that Everything I told you about the industrial military concept it was told to me - it was - I was told about that by Mr. SITNIKOV and Mr. SITNIKO

Of course, I'll try to meet Mr. SITNIKOV, who was very friendly with me in 1965 and if he is in Moscow now and if he is not busy I will arrange to meet. If he accepts my invitation, I will invite him to my apartment. If he finds it's more convenient he'll invite me to his department. If he finds it's possible, we can meet somewhere in a restaurant in Moscow, Anyhow, he can invite me in his office in the Central Committee I hope it is possible for me it is no problem to meet Mr. (5)

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SITNIKOV if he's in Moscow even for five minutes, even to say - How are you?

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OK - well you know our interest, find out

just what was the relationship. Now I have one

final item again, request from Mr. HEIMS, and for
a very important piece of information. Do you
know or can you find out anything about an agent,
a KGB agent or a Soviet Agent, who was a very

highly placed source within the United States

Government and within - and in the United States

physically during the time of the Cuban missile

crisis the end of 1962, October '62? A well placed

U.S. government source who was providing the KGB

with information about the - what the United States

Government knew of what was going on in Cuba and
about the United States Government's plans for Cuba

at that time.

(JOHN: ](S)

I'm not sure, I don't know anything about high place - high ranking agent in the government agencies of the United States, I can only guess but I know for sure that at that time we had very valuable information from the US Government about their knowleds about Cuba, about their intention and about practically everything. And, at that time, I was very far from the American affairs you understand

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policy and in our politics to improve the relations with the Americans. Once he mentioned that, in order to improve the relations with the Americans ... once he mentioned that, in order to improve the relations with the US and Japan, we even returned to Japan those one or two islands to the north of Japan which they want to have, because they are bare, naked and we have nothing on thee and it is a silly thing that we, for so many years, are trying to give them. VELU

TOM : But you only gave them back two...there were four to start with

JOHN: I don't remember how many of them but he generally said that, as far as he knows, we are ready to return those islands to Japan and to finally settle all of our relations with Japan, and we are ready to make serious concessions to Americans, to arrange our strategical relations in the world...because it is his presumption that there are only two super-powers in the world which could decide the emistence of humanity

TOM : Again, just for the record because you gave me a negative answer on this once before ... did you have the opportunity or did you discuss at all with SITNIKOV the question of Lee Harvey OSWALD and his connection with the KGE? (>)

> No, I had no opportunity to speak to anybody about that item because Mr. SITNIKOV was very far from that [5] item and I felt that there is only one opportunity to speak about that case...that is /with/ the Second /Chief/ Directorate. But since I had very short time (5) at my disposal, I only spoke once or twice on the . telephone with that man from the Personnel Department of the Second /Chief/ Directorate... I gave you his neme.

DAVIDYAN? (S)

That was the man who promised to find a teacher for my sons...languages. And I had no time

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even to meet all the officers and chiefs of the First

/Chief/ Directorate, who wanted to meet me and I couldn't

afford that meeting because I was so short in my time.

Every day was so busy with talks with Mr. /VINOGRADOV.

with Mr. VLADYKIN, with Mr. POLONIK, KAZAKOV and many,

many others. Besides, I visited many teachers among

whom I wanted to choose somebody for my young folk. (S)

The reason I raise them is because, prior to your departure, I had discussed these two items as being ones in which we were terribly interested...and I thought (S) SITNIKOV (would be able to offer something on them) (C) particularly concerning (OSWALD since you had said that he was involved in the collection of this information at the time, right after the assassination. (Remember I suggested to you that you might mention to him) that (S) this is still so much in the public eye and in the press back here now (and see if he had any further comment on it.)(S)

JOHN: Frankly speaking, SITNIKOV is very far...by the nature of his work...very far from those connections if they had place /sic/. And the only people among whom you can find a proper man...this is people from the Second /Chief/ Directorate. Generally speaking, it was () necessary to spend a lot of time to approach them and you know, you should have a reliable man like SITNIKOV among them and I have nobody. My only hope was Hr. () FEDOROV and through him I wanted to know because he was always very open to me and we, as friends, could speak about everything in the world. And he knew many things and he could tell me everything that he knew or that he heard. But, unfortunately, he killed himself () and that was my only hope and it failed.

BAC: Do you remember that elderly man whom you said was a Soviet citizen and who taught in Baltimore? /There

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(JOHN: ](S)

No, this is the feeling which is shared by everybody including Mr. KULEBYAKIN (NIKOLAI P.), because KULEBYAKIN in May will be on Moscow and he will exploit this accident 100 %.(5)

(S)[:MOT

Have you heard any reactions recently, or especially yesterday, to the arrival of SVETLANA STALINA in the US?

JOHN: (S)

Yes, just at the General Assembly, I met some (S) people, and before and after, but except the exchange of views that she arrived New York, there was any significant response that should be mentioned, expecially.

(TOM:)

Is there any concern expressed in the Mission, in the Residentura? (5]

( **J**OHN: **)**(S

My feeling that there are the ... neutral or something like that, anyhow, we have no official reaction which could be mentioned expecially here, in this connection.

(S)[:MOT

Has there been any communications from Moscow either to the Residentura or to the Mission concerning (5) her arrival and what attitude...the official attitude the Soviet representation should take?

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